



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME
COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

Thursday, January 14, 2016

6:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0467)

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Present: Chair John Hybarger, Commissioner John C. Conroy,
Commissioner Greg Bombard and Vice Chair Lee Wax

Excused: Commissioner James W. Etter

Call to Order. (16-0068)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:04 p.m. followed by roll call.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Election of 2016 Officers. (16-0069)

On motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried (Commissioner James W. Etter being absent), John Hybarger was re-elected Chair of the Fish and Game Commission.

On motion of Commissioner John C. Conroy, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard, unanimously carried (Commissioner James W. Etter being absent), Lee Wax was re-elected Vice Chair of the Fish and Game Commission.

2. Approval of the October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes. (16-0070)

On motion of Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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3. Consideration and approval of the Commission's 2016 Meeting Schedule. (16-0074)

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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4. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending November 30, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (16-0075)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report as of November 30, 2015 is \$77,087. This total includes an encumbrance of \$7,227 leaving the available balance at \$69,760.

On motion of Vice Chair Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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5. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report, ending November 30, 2015 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (16-0076)

Staff reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report for the month of November 2015 remains at \$6,513.99.

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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6. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the "Fishing in the City" activities for 2016. (16-0292)

Belvedere Park Family and Holiday Fishing Derby - First District

After a brief discussion regarding the Fishing Club events at Belvedere Park, on motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Lee Wax, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$1,800 or 500 pounds of fish for the July 2, 2016 event at Belvedere Park, with the understanding that Brian Young, Fishing in the City Coordinator, will provide fish for the September 3, 2016 and December 10, 2016 events.

Moonlight Fishing Program - First District

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner John C. Conroy, seconded by Commissioner Greg Bombard, unanimously carried, the Commission denied the grant request and directed staff to contact the First District and inform them of the Commission's decision and that the Commission is willing to re-consider their grant request if a representative is willing to come and address the Commission's concerns at a Special meeting.

Whittier Narrows Fishing with Santa 2016 - First District

On motion by Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commission Greg Bombard, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the grant request in the amount of \$1,800, for the Whittier Narrows Fishing with Santa 2016 event.

Community Day of Fishing - Second District

On motion by Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, unanimously carried, the Commission approved a grant request of 300 pounds of fish for the Community Day of Fishing event to be held at Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Park during 2016.

2016 Cerritos Youth Fishing Derby; South Bay Youth Fishing Event 2016 and 2016 La Mirada Youth Fishing Derby - Fourth District

Brian Young, Fishing in the City Coordinator, provided a brief overview of the fishing events. He stated that the events are well attended and are very successful.

On motion by Vice Chair Lee Wax, seconded by Commissioner John C. Conroy, the Commission approved grant request in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2016 Cerritos Youth Fishing Derby; \$1,300 each for South Bay Youth Fishing Event and the 2016 La Mirada Youth Fishing Derby to be held during 2016.

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7. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for January 14, 2016. (16-0077)

Staff reported that the Board of Supervisors approved Third District Supervisor Sheila Kuehl's motion to direct County Counsel to prepare an ordinance to amend County Code, Title 3, Chapter 3.26 to change the name of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission and Committees to the "Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission".

8. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission and Department of Fish and Wildlife - Wildlife Conservation Board:

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to:

- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to amend Section 670.5, Title 14, California Code of Regulations, relating to Animals of California Declared to Be Endangered or Threatened.
- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to add Section 8.01, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to special measures for fisheries at risk due to drought conditions
- Notice of Proposal for A 90 Day Extension of Emergency Action
Re: Measures for Fisheries at Risk Due to Drought Conditions (Reference OAL File #2015-0626-01E)
- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to amend Section 28.20, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to Pacific halibut sport fishing.
- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to amend subsection (d) of Section 27.80, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to ocean salmon sport fishing on or after May 1, 2016.
- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed Changes in Regulations to amend subsections (b)(5), (b)(68), and (b)(156.5), of Section 7.50, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to alphabetical list of waters with special regulations: Central Valley salmon sport fishing.
- Title 14. Fish and Game Commission Notice of Proposed regulatory

action amending sections 265, 353, 360, 361, 362, 364, 364.1 and 472; and adding Section 708.18, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CCR), relating to Mammal regulations for the 2016-2017 seasons. (16-0078)

On motion of Commissioner Greg Bombard, seconded by Vice Chair Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.

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II. REPORTS

9. Chairperson's report on various items for January 14, 2016. (16-0080)

Chair Hybarger reported that Sonke Mastrup, Executive Director, California's Fish and Wildlife Commission as well as Member Jim Kellog has resigned from the Commission. He also reported that the California Fish and Game Commission's next meeting is scheduled for February 10-11, 2016 in Sacramento, CA. The San Gabriel sheep census will be held March 5-6, 2016.

He further reported that the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission (LAFGC) hosted the Annual Fish and Game conference in November 2015. He stated that the conference is an excellent opportunity for the Commissions and organizations gather and share information regarding Fish and Game codes and laws of wildlife. He supports the idea of the LAFGC to continue hosting the conference, provided that at least 50% of the Southern California Counties' Commissions commit to attending the conference by April 2015. If not, he recommends that the Fall Conference is not held this year. He will draft a letter regarding the Fall Conference for staff to distribute to the Southern Counties to gauge their interest in attending the conference.

10. Commissioners' Report on various items for January 14, 2016. (16-0081)

There was no report presented.

III. DISCUSSIONS

11. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Los Angeles County's Fish and Game Commission's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. (16-0079)

A brief discussion was held regarding the proposed 2015-2016 Fish and Game Commission's budget. Chair Hybarger reported that the Commission anticipates having approximately \$9,000 (interest and other revenues) in additional funds plus an additional \$5,700 owed from the Fishing in the City. The Commission received \$17,000 in grant requests for fiscal year 2016-2017. Due to the current account balances and the lack of any significant incoming revenues, the Commission must be mindful of how it allocates or approves grant requests. He has reached out to a number of organizations that typically rely on receiving grants from the Commission to inform them of the Commission's current budgetary concerns, and encouraged them to look at alternative sources for funding.

Brian Young, Coordinator, Fishing-N-the City, provided clarification as to the current climate surrounding the availability of fish, what types of fish are being stocked at various lakes throughout the year. He also stated that the \$5,700 owed to the Commission is not restricted to being repaid in fiscal year 2015-2016; it can be carried over into fiscal year 2016-2017. There is no cost to the County for fishing events that stocks trout, unless the County request additional amounts above what is allocated for the events.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS**Matters Not Posted**

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-0082)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0083)

Derek Fong, Chapter Chairman, Quail and Upland Wildlife, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Santa Clarita Valley of Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation (SCVQUWF) restoration projects of Wildlife Water Drinkers "guzzlers" in the Los Padres and Angelus National Forests. He stated that the restored guzzlers are now approximately 75% filled with water and that the SCVQUWF will continue the restoration project, monitoring and keep the Commission updated.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of January 14, 2016. (16-0084)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.